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15           2. The copyrighted digital data management method  
according to claim 1, wherein said user terminal is allowed  
to reproduce the digital sample preview data but, to reproduce  
the enciphered copyrighted digital data, is required to  
decipher the enciphered copyrighted digital data with the  
20   decryption key data.

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enciphering, and additional data required for accounting are transmitted from a contents provider to at least one user terminal over a network.

5           8. The copyrighted digital data management method according to claim 7, wherein, after said user terminal executes a data usage accounting procedure for said contents provider, said contents provider transmits decryption key data for deciphering said enciphered copyrighted digital data  
10 to said user terminal over the network.

          9. The copyrighted digital data management method according to claim 8, wherein said user terminal is allowed to reproduce the digital sample preview data but, to reproduce  
15 the enciphered copyrighted digital data, is required to obtain the decryption key data from said contents provider and then decipher the enciphered copyrighted digital data with the decryption key data.

20           10. A contents provider comprising:  
receiving means for receiving a data usage accounting procedure from a user terminal; and  
transmitting means for transmitting enciphered copyrighted digital data generated by enciphering chargeable  
25 copyrighted digital data using encryption key data, digital sample preview data generated from an outline of the copyrighted digital data at a non-chargeable level without enciphering, decryption key data for deciphering the enciphered copyrighted digital data, and additional data  
30 required for accounting to said user terminal over a network, said data being all transmitted when said data usage accounting procedure is received from said user terminal.

          11. A contents provider comprising transmitting means  
35 for transmitting enciphered copyrighted digital data generated by enciphering chargeable copyrighted digital data



means.

14. The user terminal according to claim 13, wherein,  
out of the data recorded in said data recording medium, the  
5 enciphered copyrighted digital data, digital sample preview  
data, and additional data may be copied to other user  
terminals.

15. A user terminal comprising:  
10 receiving means for receiving enciphered copyrighted  
digital data generated by enciphering chargeable copyrighted  
digital data using encryption key data, digital sample  
preview data generated from an outline of the copyrighted  
15 digital data at a non-chargeable level without enciphering,  
and additional data required for accounting, from a contents  
provider over a network;

recording means for recording the enciphered  
copyrighted digital data, the digital sample preview data,  
and the additional data in a data recording means;

20 reproducing means for reproducing the digital sample  
preview data recorded in said data recording means;

transmitting means for transmitting a data usage  
accounting procedure to said contents provider; and

deciphering means for deciphering the copyrighted  
25 digital data using decryption key data after said  
transmitting means transmits the accounting procedure to said  
contents provider and, in response, said receiving means  
receives from said contents provider the decryption key data  
for deciphering the enciphered copyrighted digital data over  
30 the network.

16. A data recording medium recording therein  
enciphered copyrighted digital data generated by enciphering  
chargeable copyrighted digital data using encryption key data,  
35 digital sample preview data generated from an outline of the  
copyrighted digital data at a non-chargeable level without

enciphering, decryption key data for deciphering the enciphered copyrighted digital data, and additional data required for accounting.

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enciphered copyrighted digital data generated by enciphering  
chargeable copyrighted digital data using encryption key data,  
digital sample preview data generated from an outline of the  
copyrighted digital data at a non-chargeable level without  
10 enciphering, and additional data required for accounting.

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